

## PROCLAMATION OF [MUNICIPALITY]

**WHEREAS**, the nations of the world, including the United States, have pledged themselves to uphold the United Nations 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and to end poverty and hunger entirely by 2030;

**WHEREAS**, nutrition-related conditions such as heart disease, diabetes and high blood pressure significantly decrease Americans' lifespans and quality of life, leading to millions of deaths per year and millions sicker, more disabled, paralyzed, and cognitively impaired;

**WHEREAS**, food insecurity and lack of access to healthy foods contribute to the development of various nutrition-related illnesses, and children facing hunger are more likely to experience developmental delay, need to repeat school years, and even experience more social and behavioral problems;<sup>1</sup>

**WHEREAS**, in 2017 over 1 in 10 South Floridians were food insecure and did not know where their next meal would come from, and 1 in 5 children in Broward County go to bed hungry each night;<sup>2</sup>

**WHEREAS**, increased healthy food access and security in Broward County enables residents of all ages, ethnicities, and cultures to lead happier, more productive, and more active lives, helps children to develop to their fullest potential, supports thriving local economies, and promotes a cleaner environment;

**WHEREAS**, this [MUNICIPAL COUNCIL] desires to build towards a future where no child need go hungry, and where all Americans have access to healthy, affordable, fresh, locally made and sustainably produced food;

**WHEREAS**, the [MUNICIPALITY] has been actively involved in the Food for All Broward Initiative, which is focused on working with Broward County municipalities to expand access to healthy foods for residents of all ages, abilities, cultural and economic backgrounds;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that we, [MUNICIPALITY], do hereby proclaim September as National Hunger Action Month and the second Thursday of September as National Hunger Action Day<sup>3</sup> and commit to pursuing opportunities within our local food systems to promote food access and food security wherever possible.

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, on this National Hunger Action Month [MUNICIPALITY] commits to continue to work with Food for All Broward and other partners to make policy and systems changes that will improve food access more equitably throughout the communities we serve, prevent hunger, and promote the wellbeing of all residents of Broward County.

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<sup>1</sup> Feeding America. "Child Hunger Facts." <https://www.feedingamerica.org/hunger-in-america/child-hunger-facts>

<sup>2</sup> Feeding South Florida. "Map the Meal Gap 2017: A landmark analysis of food insecurity in the United States." <https://www.feedingsouthflorida.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/05/Map-the-Meal-Gap-Feeding-South-Florida-2017.pdf>

<sup>3</sup> Feeding America. "Support Hunger Action Month this September!" <https://hungerandhealth.feedingamerica.org/2018/09/support-hunger-action-month-september/>